

MARK-UPS

Specification Mark-Ups

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating the air mattress of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is an exploded perspective view of the air mattress of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a partial sectional view, with parts broken away for clarity, of the air mattress of FIG. 1; and

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a portion of the air mattress of the present invention, showing the seal between the top and bottom compartments of the air mattress; and

FIGS. 5A-5C show variations in the pillow top of the present invention.

Claim Mark-Ups

1. An air mattress comprising:

a first inflatable compartment having a length and width, when inflated, sufficient to support a human body, said compartment having a top, a bottom, and sides, said first compartment being composed of at least two layers of vinyl, one layer of vinyl forming the top of the compartment and the second forming the bottom; and

a second inflatable compartment disposed on the top of the first inflatable compartment and secured thereto at least along a portion of the first inflatable compartment at a point spaced inwardly from the sides of said first inflatable compartment, said second compartment extending generally the length and width of the top of the first compartment, said second compartment being of a size, when inflated, sufficient to support a human body;

said second compartment being composed of at least two layers of vinyl distinct from the two layers of vinyl forming the first compartment; said second compartment being inflatable to give the top of the air mattress a soft, pillow-like appearance and feel.

REMARKS

I. Drawing Description Amendment

The amendment to the Brief Description of the Drawings, as presented above, includes references to Figures 5A-5C that were inadvertently excluded from this section of the specification. The brief description of these figures is included within the detailed description, at the first paragraph on page 5 of the specification, and no new matter is added by this amendment.

II. Claim Amendments

The claim amendments presented above are intended to more particularly point out the subject matter of the present invention. No new matter is added by the new claims, and support for each of the new claims is evident from the existing claims and the detailed description.

The amendment of claim 1 is supported by the specification. The recessed perimeter seal is particularly illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 and discussed in the last paragraph on page 3 of the specification and in the last paragraph on page 4. According to these descriptions, one function of the recessed perimeter seal is for improving the feel of the mattress, and the other function of the recessed perimeter seal is to limit the movement of the compartments with respect to each other along the edge of the mattress. Additionally, the recessed perimeter seal is specifically included in each of the pillow top variations that are illustrated in Figs. 5A-5C. Therefore, the

recessed perimeter seal between the first and second compartments is the air mattress structure that provides the pillow-like appearance and feel.

The amendment to claim 1 further clarifies the claimed invention by explicitly setting forth the particular structure that provides the claimed pillow top appearance and feel. This amendment is not a narrowing limitation because the limitation of the pillow-like appearance and feel implicitly requires the recessed perimeter seal, and the amendment merely sets forth the structure that corresponds with this implicit limitation. Therefore, rather than rely on any implicit understanding that the pillow-like appearance and feel set forth in claim 1 is directed toward the recessed perimeter seal of the air mattress, it is preferred to explicitly set forth this particular structure of the air mattress.

III. Conclusion

Kindly consider this preliminary amendment and enter it into the record of this application. If, for any reason, personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis JM Donahue III, Reg. No. 43,591
Thompson Coburn LLP
One Firstar Plaza
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
Telephone: 314-552-6398
Fax: 314-552-7398